



HATS OFF

A tribute from Australian firefighters has been included in an exhibition titled *After 9/11: Messages from the World and Images of Ground Zero*.

The RFS firefighter's helmet was chosen amongst thousands of items left at US embassies and consulates around the world in support of US emergency workers in the wake of September 11 attacks.

One message reads: "Stand tall. The US fires are doing the rest of the world's fires proud."

The signed helmet was sent from the Terrey Hills Brigade and features signatures and messages of support including the Terrey Hills Brigade motto: Raw Strength and Courage.

US Consul General in Australia, Judith R. Fergin was so moved by the gift from the RFS that she met with Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons in April to officially convey the appreciation from her country.

The exhibit compiled by the United States Diplomacy Center has already travelled across the US to eight venues and will be displayed in New York City this September 2008.

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